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1. ISRAEL'S VIEW OF MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS REMAINS
FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON THE UN AND ITS SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES. THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL (C) REMAIN
GENERALLY VALID AND THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PAST 16
MONTHS HAVE ONLY REINFORCED THE ISRAELI DISSATISFACTION
WITH THE UN AND ITS AGENCIES.

2. THOSE EVENTS INCLUDE THE ISRAELI EFFORT TO BE FORTH-
COMING REGARDING A VISIT TO THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES
OF A WHO TEAM, ONLY TO HAVE THE REPORT BY THAT TEAM
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DISAVOWED BY THE WHO UNDER ARAB PRESSURE. IT ALSO
INCLUDES LAST AUTUMN'S UNESCO MEETING IN NAIROBI, WHICH
ISRALI OFFICIALS CONSIDER TO HAVE BEEN LESS SUCCESSFUL
THAN WE VIEWED IT. THEY ALSO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE
RECENTLY CONCLUDED ILO SESSION AND ARE UNDECIDED WHAT
COURSE TO FOLLOW IF THE U.S. SHOULD DECIDE TO WITHDRAW
FROM THE ORGANIZATION.

3. THE RECENT RESCUE OF 66 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES BY AN ISRAELI SHIP HAS CONTRIBUTED SOMEWHAT TO THE DISSATISFACTION OF ISRAELI OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PUBLIC WITH MULTILATERAL COOPERATION. ISRAEL FEELS IT RESPONDED TO A HUMANITARIAN NEED, AFTER SHIPS OF OTHER NATIONS FAILED TO DO SO, AND COULD THEN FIND NO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR MEETING THE WISHES OF THE REFUGEES; THUS IT RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDED IT HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO GRANT THEM ASYLUM IN ISRAEL.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN IS NOT ENAMORED OF THE UN AND IS, IN ANY CASE, CONCENTRATING ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS ALMOST TO THE EXCLUSION OF OTHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS MATTERS. NEVERTHELESS, HE HAS GIVEN HIS TENTATIVE APPROVAL TO APPEARING AT THE UNGA IN OCTOBER (SEPT).).

5. ISRAELI OFFICIALS DO NOT LOOK FORWARD TO THE 32ND UNGA. ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UN, HAIM HERZOG, WHO WAS RECENTLY IN JERUSALEM FOR CONSULTATIONS, HAS NOW RETURNED TO NEW YORK (APPARENTLY WITH THE REASSURANCE THAT HE WILL REMAIN AT HIS POST FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD). IN A NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW PRIOR TO DEPARTURE HE SAID: "IN SEPTEMBER THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL OPEN AND LAST FOR THREE MONTHS AND IT IS CLEAR TO ME

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THAT IT WILL DEBATE ALL THE ISSUES WHICH HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP IN THE PAST, INCLUDING THE TERRITORIES, AID AND EMPLOYMENT FOR REFUGEES, AND ISRAEL'S RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT WE CAN EXPECT A DIFFICULT CAMPAIGN AGAINST US IN THE UN AND THAT WE WILL RECEIVE THE USUAL PORTION OF CONDEMNATIONS WHICH ARE DELIVERED TO US EVERY YEAR. SITTING IN THE UN DURING THE COMING GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL NOT BE PLEASANT."

6. THE EMBASSY MLO REMAINS POLITICAL COUNSELOR JOHN E. CRUMP. LEWIS UNQTE VANCE

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